GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1678
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PROCUREMENT OF TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to procure excess tobacco production without penalty;

(b) if so, the total procurement of tobacco made by the Government from the Karnataka State;

(c) whether the Government have decided that a service tax of one percent would be charged on the produce;

(d) if so, whether the Government had also issued a notification to this effect;

(e) if so, to what extent the farmers of tobacco growers has been helped by procuring excess tobacco produce from them;

(f) whether the Government propose to continue the procurement of tobacco in future also; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Levy of Rs.2/- per Kg. as extra fee plus 2 per cent of the sale proceeds has beennotified by the Government on the marketing of the unauthorized Flue Cured Virginia tobacco of unregistered growers in Karnataka during 2002-03 crop season.

(e): The Government have not procured excess tobacco from the Karnataka growers.

(f)&(g): Do not arise.